

Announcing the 2010 General William E. DePuy Special Topics Writing Competition

“Building Rigor and Relevance into Home Station Training”

The Combined Arms Center (CAC), Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, is pleased to again announce the annual General William E. DePuy Combined Arms Center Writing Contest. In support of TRADOC’s focus on core tasks and missions, the subject of this year’s competition is how to develop and improve the conduct of home station training. Anyone conducting serious research on this subject is invited to submit papers for consideration. The contest closes on Monday, June 28, 2010.

How do I enter?

- Submit an unclassified, original research paper examining any aspect—broad or specific—of this theme. Papers should be between 3,000 and 5,000 words in length, not counting endnotes.
- Previously published papers, or papers pending consideration elsewhere for publication, are ineligible.
- Papers submitted to other competitions still pending announced decisions are also ineligible. (As an exception to this rule, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College students submitting papers to the General Douglas MacArthur Military Leadership Writing Competition may submit the same paper to the DePuy Competition. Thus, it is possible for a single paper to be recognized by both competitions.)

What do winning writers receive?

1. First Place: Award of \$1,000 / Certificate of recognition signed by the commanding general / Publication as a featured essay in *Military Review*, the Professional Journal of the United States Army.
2. Second Place: Award of \$750 / Certificate of recognition signed by the commanding general / Special consideration for publication in *Military Review*.
3. Third Place: Award of \$500 / Certificate of recognition signed by the commanding general / Special consideration for publication in *Military Review*.
4. Fourth Place: Award of \$250 / Certificate of recognition signed by the commanding general / Special consideration for publication in *Military Review*.
5. Honorable Mention: Award of \$100 / Certificate of recognition signed by the commanding general / Possible publication in *Military Review*.

How do you submit a paper?

- Complete an enrollment form (see enclosure 1) and submit it together with the proposed manuscript via e-mail or in hard copy with a CD to *Military Review* by 28 June 2010.
Email: marlys.cook@us.army.mil Mail: *Military Review*, 294 Grant Avenue, Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027-1254.

How will the papers be evaluated and judged?

- *Military Review* will recommend to the CAC Commander a panel of distinguished judges to evaluate the entries.
- General criteria to be used for evaluating papers are attached (see enclosure 2).

If you have questions contact:

- LTC Gary Dangerfield, Deputy Director and Executive Editor of *Military Review*, at (913) 684-9330 or DSN 552-9330; or via email at gary.dangerfield@us.army.mil.

ENCLOSURE 1 (Enrollment Form)

MEMORANDUM FOR Managing Editor, *Military Review*

SUBJECT: The 2010 Combined Arms Center General William E. DePuy Writing Competition

1. Attached is my research paper submission for the CAC Commanding General's 2010 Combined Arms Center General William E. DePuy Writing Competition

2. The subject of my paper
is_____.

3. I affirm that the research paper is my original work. I further affirm that no part of it has been plagiarized from other sources; that all references to other work have been properly and fully attributed; that it has not been previously published; that it is not now being considered elsewhere for publication; and that it is not currently pending consideration as an entry in any other competition (with the authorized exception of the Command and General Staff College's General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Competition, as provided for under competition rules.)

4. I understand that if my paper is selected as a winner, the Combined Arms Center may reproduce it for instructional purposes, and *Military Review* will have first right of publication without copyright restrictions.

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Title/Organization_____

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ENCLOSURE 2 (Criteria for Judging)

Evaluation is unavoidably a subjective process; however, our panelists will use the questions below to help them evaluate essays more objectively.

- Does the essay offer well-thought-out and well-researched opinions about home station training issues?
- Does the essay contribute anything new to the topic?
- If the essay is not a product of original research, is it an effective synthesis of existing research, and has it yielded significant insight?
- Does the essay offer plausible solutions to or recommendations about a problem or issue?
- If the manuscript is a historical essay, do the issues associated with the historical events described and evaluated have any direct relevance to today's leaders?
- Does the author of the essay know what he (or she) is talking about? Does the essay fairly represent the background facts and provide a credible examination of the issue?
- Does the essay show evidence of significant research using accepted academic standards, or does it rely significantly on spurious resources?
- Is research backed up by careful footnoting or endnotes?
- Is the essay well written? Does it move logically from a clear thesis through a well-developed argument using supporting evidence to yield persuasive conclusions?
- Is the essay written in an accessible style, or does it give the impression that it has been written to impress rather than inform and persuade?
- Does the essay use excessive acronyms or jargon?